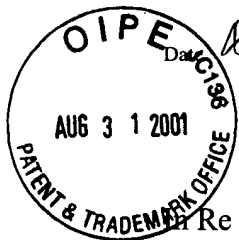


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Re Application of:
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Serial No.: 09/821,694

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: Unassigned

Title: METHOD AND SEQUENCES FOR DETERMINATE NUCLEIC ACID
HYBRIDIZATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the patent application identified above, please enter the amendments indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at pages 20, 24-26, 30-32, 35, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 47-51, 53-55, and 58 as indicated in Appendix A. Replacement pages for these pages are provided in Appendix B.

Please insert the Sequence Listing provided in Appendix C after page 58 and renumber the application accordingly.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Missing Parts of June 27, 2001 indicating the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. As the Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed June 27, 2001, setting a two-month shortened statutory period for response, this response is timely filed.

In order to comply with sequence rules, applicant submits herewith a Sequence Listing (Appendix C), a diskette incorporating the Sequence Listing in electronic form, and a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. The Preliminary Amendment makes changes to the sequence identification numbering that are necessary to place the sequence listings in proper form. This submission includes no new matter.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants submit that application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is requested, and a prompt mailing thereof would be much appreciated.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this communication, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 330-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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